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1. Schumacher finds Soviet note to West "conciliatory" --
The US High Commission in Bonn reports that Socialist leader Schumacher considers the latest Soviet note to the Western Powers concerning a Conference of Foreign Ministers relatively conciliatory and that he feels the prospects for a profitable conference are good. Schumacher thinks the Soviet note implied "significant concessions" in the admitting of other questions besides Germany to the discussion and in leaving the order of the matters to be discussed to an exploratory conference. Schumacher emphasized that it would be a grave mistake to adopt the view that this particular conference might possibly solve the whole complex of East-West problems; he feels the most that can be hoped for is that this or even a later four-power conference might achieve some small success in turning the trend of events in the right direction. Schumacher feels it should not be discouraging to know that it may take 25 such conferences to solve any of the really big outstanding problems.

EUROPE

2. FRANCE: Stability of government still in question--US Embassy Paris believes that neither the heavy favorable vote on Pleven's Washington talks nor the new proposal on family allowances nor the new bill on electoral law reform has ended the possibility that the Pleven Government will be overthrown in the near future. In the opinion of the Embassy, the most that can be said for certain is that the immediate danger has been put off, with inter-party disagreements and mutual suspicions unallayed. The coming

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week may bring either a crisis or real agreement on the basic difficulties of the present coalition, but the Embassy believes further postponements of major decisions are most likely.

NEAR EAST-AFRICA

3. **FRENCH MOROCCO:** Juin-Sultan situation "under control" -- US Embassy Paris reports that following Resident General Juin's departure from France for North Africa, Foreign Minister Schuman personally assured Ambassador Bruce that the Juin-Sultan situation is under control and a satisfactory solution of the Moroccan problem can now be expected.

Meanwhile, General Juin has complained bitterly to US Minister Plitt concerning US "interference" in a situation involving the internal stability of a French protectorate. Juin did not mention the Sultan to Plitt, but he stressed his intention to neutralize "political troublemakers."

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